

Proposed Bill # 160

March 1, 2016

Dear Committee Members and General Public,

My name is Laura Lambert, and my great nephew, William is the namesake of this proposed bill before you. 30 years ago this month in 1986, I prematurely gave birth to our son at Manchester Hospital. He wasn't doing well and was transferred to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Springfield, Mass. My doctor tried to get me transferred with him but it was denied by our insurance company. My doctor allowed me to leave a day earlier than scheduled because of my pleading with him that I needed to see our son. He made my husband promise to get me to an emergency room if certain symptoms took place. Fast forward 30 years to now, and our niece, Debbie Parker, prematurely gives birth to a set of twins and wasn't immediately transferred with them to a NICU, due to insurance issues. I can't believe that over these 30 years this issue with insurance companies hasn't been taken care of yet. I am outraged that our sweet niece and husband had to experience this tragedy due to insurance dragging their feet. Please pass this bill, Baby William's law, in honor of our great nephew, so that other young couples and their families don't have to experience this emotional upheaval. Thank you for allowing me to address the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura L. Lambert MS." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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